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SUBJECT: CHILE: MILGP REQUEST FOR HUMAN RIGHTS VETTING FOR
THE STRATEGY AND DEFENSE POLICY COURSE

REF: A. COMSOC SOUTH 071600Z NOV 05
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¶1. This is an action request. See paragraphs 2 and 3.

¶2. Action request: Embassy requests the Department assist in conducting a Leahy Amendment Human Rights review, as well as a general name check of the following Chilean candidates who have been nominated for training in the U.S., pursuant to the Leahy Act and Foreign Assistance Act. Please transmit the results of such, including information not strictly covered by the Leahy Amendment, to Embassy.

¶3. The proposed training is the Strategy and Defense Policy Course, sponsored and taught by the U.S. Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies (CHDS), Washington, D.C., October 16 through November 3, 2006. The names and identifying information of the proposed candidates appear in the following format: Name, unit, date of birth, place of birth and national identification number.

a. Hugo F. Fontena Faundez, Chilean Navy, Navy War College, 17 Oct 1953, Concepcion, 7646935-0

b. Juan A. Leiva Gonzalez, Chilean Navy, Navy Planning Service, 11 Jul 1964, Concepcion, 9236009-1

c. Hector J. Vargas Guarratequa, National Academy of Strategic and Political Studies (ANEPE), 31 Dec 1970, Castro, 10982141-1

d. Luis E. Angulo Prado, Chilean Navy, Ministry of Defense Strategy Planning Department, 30 Sep 1958, Santiago, 7070931-7

e. Rodolfo Gonzalez Palaneck, Consultative Academic Council of Military Investigations and Studies (CACEIM), 03 May 1954, Santiago, 6432306-7

f. Pedro A. Torres Aracibia, Chilean National Academy of Strategic and Political Studies (ANEPE), 24 Feb 1958, Santiago, 7579760-5

¶4. Embassy is conducting its own review and has not found credible information that the candidates have been involved in gross human rights violations.

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